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- a. The USSR is still intensely interested in the acquisition of copper and is employing every means available to obtain supplies of this commodity. However, the regulations and restrictions imposed by the Western Powers on the sale of copper to the Soviet Bloc are causing the USSR ever-increasing difficulty in meeting her requirements.
- b. For the present, the USSR is not interested in the purchase of aluminum.
- c. On the other hand, the USSR can not obtain enough nickel and would be extremely interested in any offer to supply this metal.
- d. The USSR has large quantities of wheat for sale either for sterling or US dollars, since she is short of both these currencies. A barter deal involving an exchange of Soviet wheat for copper would also be approved by the proper Soviet authorities in view of the serious Soviet shortage of the latter commodity.

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